

Dear

The Sister Cities Committee of Sandy City is forming a Friends of Sister Cities group and we are hoping you will be interested in joining our organization as a Friend.

As you might already know, Sandy City has two sister city relationships: one with Piedras Negras, Mexico and another with Riesa, Germany. Over the last two years, we have visited Mexico with youth groups who provided service and a fabulous one-week day camp each summer in a school for handicapped children; we have provided thousands of pounds of donations in school supplies, educational tools, and medical equipment. We have also hosted Rotarians who visited Sandy in the spring of 2003 to foster good will and provide cultural exchange.

In the year-and-a-half since we signed our agreement with the former East German city, delegations from Sandy and Riesa have paid visits to each other- each including cultural and business exchanges. Last Fall, a 43-member student orchestra also visited Sandy, providing free concerts and opportunities for cultural exchanges among the many host families. Pen pal programs are in the process of being organized and a German Business Delegation will be visiting Sandy this spring with the hopes of shadowing businesses and learning more about the American way of life.

So what would the Friends of Sister Cities do?

First, "Friends" have no regular meetings or specific assignments. It is just a group of people in our community who have an interest in what we are doing and would like to be kept informed of upcoming activities and events or you may just have an interest in German or Mexican culture. We also hope Friends would have the desire, on occasion, to assist in whatever capacity meets their interests. Such involvement could include:

- Attending the performance of a visiting music, cultural or athletic group
- Serving as a translator
- Allowing foreign businessmen or city personnel an opportunity to visit your business or organization for tours or shadowing experiences
- Providing an item for an auction
- Attending fund-raising events for a city or humanitarian project you have an interest in
- Hosting students or business people from a sister city
- Participating in student exchanges
- Donating items for humanitarian missions or organizing a drive in your church or school group or at your business
- Organizing an orchestra or athletic group to tour a sister city site

Friends of Sister Cities would receive our bi-monthly newsletter and periodic email updates of upcoming activities. All you have to do to be included as our Friend is fill out the enclosed information form and your \$10 annual fee which covers postage and printing costs.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Friends of Sandy Sister Cities Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Business/organization _____

Type of business/organization: _____

Would you be willing to have visiting businesspeople or dignitaries visit or shadow people at your business or organization: _____

Address you would like the newsletter mailed ? (Address please) _____

OR Emailed electronically (address please): _____

(Newsletter would be mailed in Adobe PDF format and a version of Adobe Reader 5.0 or newer is required)

I would like to be a Friend in the following ways:

_____ Attend the performance of a visiting music, cultural or athletic group

_____ Perform with a visiting group. Instrument played _____

_____ Serve as a translator; language(s)

_____ Provide item(s) for an auction

_____ Attend fund-raising events

_____ Host students or business people from a sister city

_____ Participate in a student exchange either as a host or with my child

_____ Donate items for humanitarian missions or organize a drive in my church/school group or at my business

_____ Organize an orchestra or athletic group to tour a sister city site

Other: _____

Please make checks payable to: Sandy Sister Cities